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SUBJECT: TOPICS FOR PRESIDENTIAL MEETING: CHARTER OF
ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

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1. IF, AS IS QUITE POSSIBLE, NEGOTIATIONS BY WORKING GROUP
IN NEW YORK HAVE NOT REACHED SUCCESSFUL STAGE BY TIME OF
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, THEN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA CAN BE EXPECTED
TO RAISE CHARTER QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

2. FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, AMBASSADOR DURING
RECENT DAYS CALLED ON ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY GALLASTEGUI
AND MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT MOYA PALENCIA TO PRESENT U.S.
POSITION ON CHARTER, INCLUDING OUR DECISION THAT IF ARTICLE2
QUESTIONS ARE NOT RESOLVED, IF UNACCEPTABLE NEW PRO-
POSALS ARE NOT REJECTED, AND IF A DRAFT CHARTER IS
PRESSED TO A VOTE RATHER THAN SUBJECTED TO CONTINUING
NEGOTIATIONS, THEN THE U.S. WILL BE FORCED TO VOTE
AGAINST THE CHARTER AS A WHOLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
U.S. POSITION BEING REPORTED DIRECTLY BY GALLASTEGUI
AND MOYA TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA.

3. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS,
AMBASSADOR ALSO STRESSED POINT THAT MEXICO SHOULD RENEW
EFFORTS TO SEEK GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON PART CERTAIN
GROUP OF 77 MEMBERS ON ISSUES SUCH AS NATIONALIZATION,
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AS IT IS THEIR COUNTRIES, RATHER THAN MEXICO

IT SELF THAT ARE UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE.

4. IF CHARTER ISSUE RAISED BY PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA,
PRESIDENT FORD MAY ALSO WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IF
A VERSION OF THE CHARTER CONTAINING UNACCEPTABLE
LANGUAGE ON NATIONALIZATION IS FORCED TO A VOTE,
THEN RESULT WOULD BE SHARP DROP IN CONFIDENCE OF
POTENTIAL INVESTORS, AND POSSIBLE LOSS OF NEEDED
FOREIGN PRIVATE DIRECT INVESTMENT IN LDSS.
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